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MODIFIED CARBON ADSORBENTS AND PROCESSES FOR ADSORPTION USING THE SAME

<u>AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated December 14, 2001, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before March 14, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended claims with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

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(Twice Amended) A method to adsorb an adsorbate comprising contacting said